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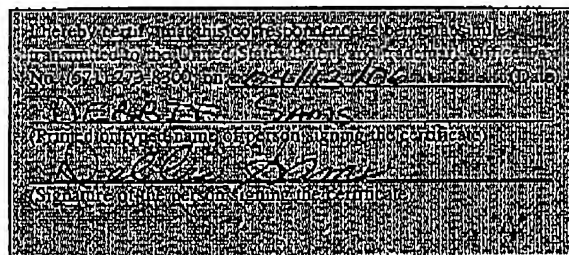
Title: REDUCTION CHECKSUM GENERATOR AND A  
METHOD OF CALCULATION THEREOF

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Sir:

**COMMENT ON REASON FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 CFR §1.104(E)**

The Applicants submit these comments in response to the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance included in the Notice of Allowance mailed January 13, 2006.

According to M.P.E.P. §1302.14, the statement of allowance should include at least (1) the major difference in the claims not found in the prior art of record, and (2) the reasons why that difference is considered to define patentability over the prior art if either of these reasons is not clear in the record. The Examiner states that none of the cited references teaches or fairly suggests certain limitations of Claim 1-7, 15-21 or 8-14. However, the Applicants wish to make the record clear that no one limitation of a given claim has greater patentable weight (or is more "major") than any other limitation. Instead, it is the combination of recited limitations in a given claim that make it patentable. The pending claims are no exception.

The Applicants also wish to make the record clear that a given claim is legally presumed patentable unless it fails for lack of patentable subject matter, utility, novelty, nonobviousness or sufficiency of disclosure or support. The pending claims are allowable because no basis in law exists to deny their patentability.

Respectfully submitted,

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